



First Presbyterian Church

Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love

**Homecoming Sunday
Stewardship Campaign: Our Story
October 19, 2025 at 9:30 AM**



Jesus MAFA, *The Widow's Mite* (1973)

A congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, a church where EVERYONE is welcome. On behalf of the entire First Pres family, we want you to know that we are so glad you're here. We are a proud congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where We Choose WELCOME!

We welcome followers of Jesus who are solid in their faith, and we welcome questioning believers seeking deeper meaning in their life. We welcome those who come from different faith backgrounds, such as Methodists, Lutherans, and Catholics, and those with no faith background at all; for we are all one in Christ Jesus. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We hope you experience the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. It is a place that long-term members have described as their spiritual home for generations. It is also a place where people newer to our community of faith have found a safe and sacred space for themselves and their families.

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (birth through kindergarten). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. The nursery is on the third floor of the Christian Education (CE) building. Ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

Kirkwood Choir is offered during the service, after the Children's Message. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship throughout the program year.

MusikGarten, a program for parents/caregivers and young children (birth through kindergarten), is provided after the service in room #310 of the CE building. MusikGarten is our unique program that allows participation in a fun, energetic environment while instilling a love and understanding of music in young children. Check today's bulletin for schedule.

Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults are offered after the service. Children and youth Sunday school is located on the third floor of the CE building. High School youth are encouraged to be helpers in the elementary classes. Adult Sunday school is in Von Maur Hall. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating these spaces.



Our Session (church council) has adopted a bold vision of creating safe and sacred space for all. We aren't perfect at it, but we are joyfully beginning to live into this new vision. We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org). The Session and members of First Pres extend a sincere welcome to persons of all races, nationalities, genders, and sexual orientations. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and communion, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.



We are a Matthew 25 church in the PC(USA). Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Land Acknowledgement: First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówinj, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.

✠ Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Bold indicates congregational response

Stewardship Campaign: Our Story

Homecoming Sunday

Order of Worship

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row,
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

*As we begin worship, please silence your cell phones.
Take a quiet moment to center yourself in the presence of God.
We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.*

Preparing for the Word

Prelude

Cortège et Litanie, op. 19 no. 2

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Moment for Stewardship

Introit

My Faith's Got Shoes
The Kirkwood Choir

Mark Burrows
(b. 1971)

Call to Worship

Julia Meyer, Liturgist

One: Please rise, in body or in spirit, for the Call to Worship.

One: Can you imagine unfettered love?

Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?

Can you imagine a home—safe and bright, with impromptu dancing, meals around table, and laughter late into the night?

Can you imagine faith like a compass that guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope; that asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?

Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free?

Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?

A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?

Can you imagine?

All: Yes, we can imagine.

One: Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be. And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.

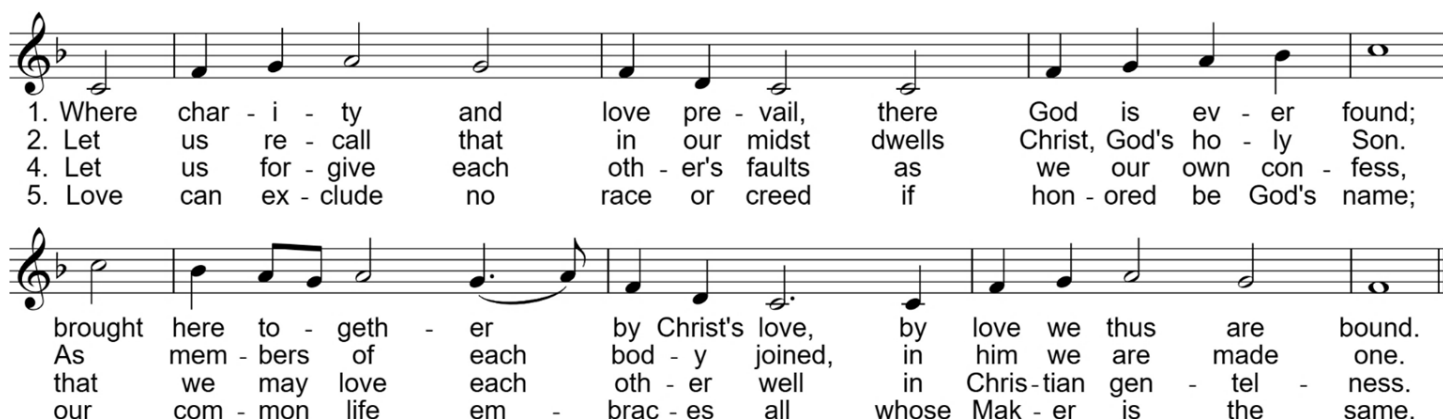
All: Let us worship holy God, that great unfettered love.

✠ Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

(In a way that is comfortable for you, please share the Peace of Christ with those around you.)



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 4. Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tel - ness.
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

We are all human and we all fall short of the glory of God, individually and as a society. But it is God's nature to forgive us. God desires reconciliation, with God and with each other. God created us to be compassionate humans with clean hearts. So, let us humble ourselves as we go to God in our prayer of confession. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

One: God of Grace, You invite us to dream of a better world,

All: But instead, we bury our heads in the sand. We are afraid to recognize how much must change. We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then don't we have a job to do?

One: So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

All: We passively allow things to stay the same.

One: We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day.

All: We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame.

One: Instead, we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.

All: Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

One: Teach us to imagine again.

All: Humbly we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us and loves us as we are.

All: We give thanks, and choose to be changed by God's amazing grace.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Holding the Light
The Sanctuary Choir

B.E. Boykin
(b. 1989)

*Gather up whatever is
glittering in the gutter,
whatever has tumbled
in the waves or fallen
in flames out of the sky,*

*for it's not only our
hearts that are broken,
but the heart
of the world as well.
Stitch it back together.*

*Make a place where
the day speaks to the night
and the earth speaks to the sky.
Whether we created God
or God created us*

*it all comes down to this:
In our imperfect world
we are meant to repair
and stitch together
what beauty there is, stitch it*

*with compassion and wire.
See how everything
we have made gathers
the light inside itself
and overflows? A blessing.
(Stuart Kestenbaum, from *Only Now*)*

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we want to see what you see. We want to see what you see, but we stumble through roadblocks of bias and narrow perspective, fear and limited information. We are too small to imagine the type of love and beauty you can sow. So in this moment, we ask that you would clear the roadblocks that keep us from you. Blow the dust out of our ears. Thaw out the frozen parts of our hearts. Tell the logical arguments we form about what will and will not work to take a backseat. And as you do, breathe fresh air into our lungs and fill our minds with endless possibilities. We want to see what you see. We want to reimagine this life we're living. Clear away the roadblocks. Amen.

First Lesson

Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12

⁹ "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

⁸ "You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. ⁹ Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the Day of Atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. ¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall not sow or reap the aftergrowth or harvest the unpruned vines. ¹² For it is a Jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Our Story: Reimagine"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer



Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

When the Poor Ones

CUANDO EL POBRE



1. When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
2. When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
3. When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
4. When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,
when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,
when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,
when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
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Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God



To share your pledge or offering, you may place it in the offering plate as it is passed down the aisle. If it is more convenient for you, please visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," or you may donate directly from your smartphone by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. You may also mail your pledge or offering to the church office.

Offertory

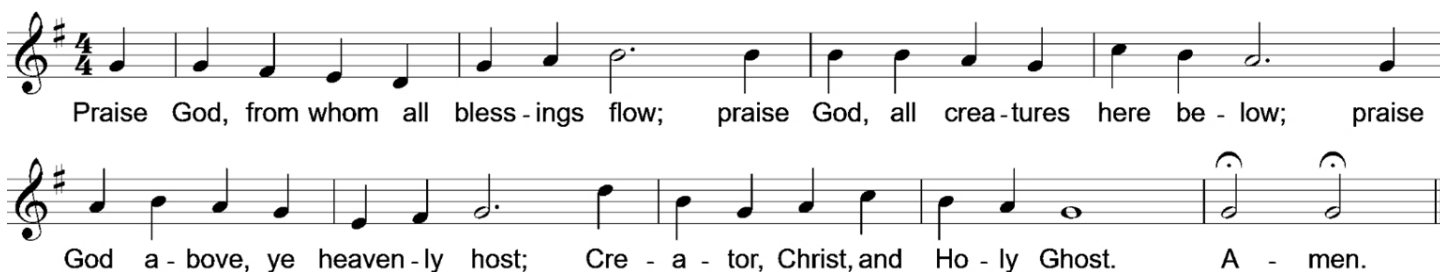
Nearer, My God, To Thee

Arr. Naji Hakim
(b. 1955)

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



Homecoming Litany

One: You are living stones, cut from Christ, who is our Rock and Cornerstone.

All: We are members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Brought together by faith with those who testified before us, *this is our story*. We stand on their shoulders.

One: In Christ, the whole building is joined together. Rising upward, you are becoming a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for God's Spirit.

All: We recognize that we have not come to God alone. We are here through the work of those who came before us. And we do not persevere alone. *This is our story*: we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, urging us onward, encouraging us to do the will of the Lord.

One: Remember the work of your ancestors, who faithfully taught you the commandments of God. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. And when they ask, "What do these stones mean?" tell them that they might know the hand of the Lord. For unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

FPC Members Age 70 and Older: We are humbled to be a part of the legacy that is First Presbyterian Church of Davenport. As we thank those who came before us, may we be faithful to preserve the faith for all who follow. As we stand upon the stones set in place, may future generations say, "*This is our story* - this is God's house!"

One: Therefore, work together as one. Build with stones of love and faith, stones of justice and compassion, stones of hope and commitment. Stand firm on the foundation, which is your mutual faith in Christ. Keep your eyes on God, who is both the Author and Finisher of the faith.

All: *This is our story*...this is our song: The One who began this good work will carry it on to completion, until the day of Christ's return. Amen.

Sending Anthem

The Peace of God
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Eugène Gigout
(1844-1925)

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and all who groan under oppression, for God's mercy and grace to touch Carole Scherz on the passing of her son Mitchel Williams, and those in need of God's healing grace; Alan Havercamp, Linda Bengfort, Brenda Boyd, Bill Hawthorne, Shawn Lambrecht (son of Cathy Lambrecht), Jim Woods, Carol Phoenix, Julie Pedigo (sister of Carol Phoenix), and Wayne Hean. Also, prayers of protection for Nicholas, grandson of Verna Burrichter, during his deployment with the US Navy.

(Names will be listed in the list above for 30 days unless otherwise requested.)

Mission Partners: Humility Homes and Services; Churches United; Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities; and P.U.N.C.H.

Hospital Visits: The Pastors and Deacons make hospital visits when patients give permission.

In-Touch Information: For anyone who is homebound and would enjoy contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Colleen Dueñas (563-514-6396).

The Prayer Chain: Connects those who need prayer with those who commit to a ministry of prayer. Contact Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

Printed Prayer Requests: Require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to contact the church office directly (563-326-1691).

Prayer Shawls: Prayer shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coat rack near the main office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, October 19

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Manna & More	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Homecoming	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Choir Room
Quad City Youth Choir	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Pride of the Wapsi
Justice Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, October 20

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
FPC Book Club (Between the Covers)	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Parlor
Session Devotions	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Session Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom

Tuesday, October 21

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
PAS Rehearsal/Sound Check	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Staff Activity	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Off-Site
PAS: Lyra	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 22

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
DELP Meeting	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Parlor
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, October 23

Sermon Talks	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Clean Team	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Vesper Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, October 24

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, October 25

Fall Clean Up Day	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building
Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Trunk-or-Treat	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Iowa Street Parking Lot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Church Office is Closed, Tuesday, October 21 from 11:45 AM until 2:15 PM

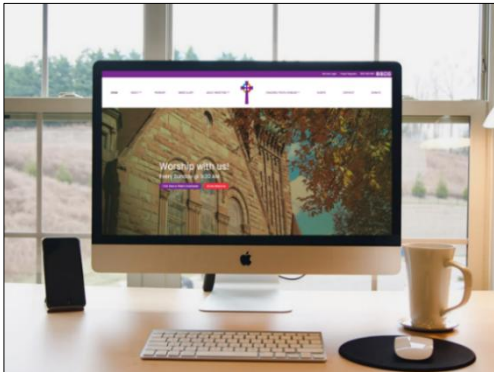
Your church staff will be engaging in an offsite activity to continue to foster a positive, uplifting work environment.

Homecoming Luncheon - A Tribute To Those Seventy And Older

Today, First Presbyterian Church celebrates Homecoming, honoring members aged 70 and older. After the service, honorees and their guests are invited to lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Need Help to Figure Out the New Website?

Please, reach out to the church office and we will happily schedule a one-on-one appointment with you!



Check out our New Church Website!

The updated site is designed not only to make it easier for our members to stay connected, but also to help visitors learn more about who we are as a community of faith.

We invite you to take a look, explore the new features, and let us know what you think! Even better—help us spread the word! Share the website with your friends, family, and neighbors so they can get connected, too.

Visit us at: www.fpcdavenport.org

Fellowship Hour Treats Sign-up

Now you can help make it happen! Sign up at the back of the sanctuary (or use the QR code or this link <https://bit.ly/FPCTreats>) to bring 40 servings of any treat—sweet or savory. Two people can split a Sunday (20 each), or one person can bring all 40.

Note: No treats are needed during Manna and More breakfasts or Scout Sundays.



First Night Out - Upcoming Meet and Greet

First Night Out is a social group for plus fifty singles and couples. This is a great way to meet new church friends and enjoy the fellowship of a vibrant social network. Activities are monthly - whether with a smaller section or with the entire First Night Out group.

In November, the First Night Out group will be reorganizing and planning activities for the future months. If you are interested in joining us, mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 2** following the church service. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for bagels, beverages and planning.

RSVP: Please stop by the back of the Sanctuary on October 19 and 26 following the worship service to sign-up &/or check your contact information. If you are unable to attend this planning session, you can still be part of FNO. Contact Marilyn Jorgenson or Judy Hawthorne with questions.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

NEW THIS FALL: Contemplative Prayer Group

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet on the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM** in Von Maur Hall. Engaging in a variety of compassion-based contemplative practices – such as silence, centering prayer, and guided meditation – the Contemplative Prayer Group is designed to cultivate compassion for self and others. Rooted in ancient Christian traditions, the group offers a peaceful space for deep listening, reflection, and connection with the Divine. All are welcome.

Bible Basics for October

Join us on **Wednesdays at 6:15 PM** on Zoom. In October, we are continuing a video series on Biblical Wisdom Literature. Our topic for this month will be the book of Job and questions about innocent suffering. All are welcome.

Please contact Mark Jones (markandkarla75@gmail.com) for more information.
<https://www.zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 881 1687 5549 Passcode: 630481

NEW THIS FALL: Sermon Talks

Sermon Talks is a midweek daytime Bible study led by Pastor Kris where participants explore the Scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Through open discussion and shared reflection, the group engages deeply with the text—asking questions, making connections, and preparing hearts and minds to hear God's Word in worship. Sermon Talks meets in person in Von Maur Hall **each Thursday from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**. A Zoom option is not available. All are welcome to join the conversation.

Adult Sunday School

Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty Is Trending

"John Pavlovitz's ... stirring playbook for Christians who strive to ensure that kindness triumphs over toxicity. ... *Worth Fighting For* envisions a grassroots revolution of love led by a 'compassionate coalition of those who give a damn.'" A series of brief essays constituting a call to, and a defense of, "progressive" Christianity.

Come join us after the worship service in Von Maur Hall as we read and discuss these writings together.

MISSION & SERVICE



Volunteers Requested - Fall Leaves Clean-Up Day - Saturday, October 25 - 9:00 AM

The Landscape Volunteers, Scout Troop 7 and the BG&S committee are hosting the **FALL CLEAN UP DAY** on Saturday, **October 25** starting at **9:00 AM**. We will be raking leaves and spreading mulch around the Church campus. Please bring gloves and your favorite rake. Rakes will be provided by the Church if you don't have one. There is no need to RSVP. Please contact Julia Meyer (meyjul78@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Need a Ride? We're Building a Ride Team!

In recent weeks we've received several requests from different members for rides—to Sunday worship, medical appointments, the grocery store, etc. We'd love to form a small team of volunteer drivers to help members stay connected and cared for.

Ways to help (pick any):

- Sunday morning rides to church (one way or round-trip)
- Weekday appointments (as you're available)
- Quick errands/grocery runs for those who need a hand

If you're willing to be on the "Ride Team" list—even occasionally—please contact the church office at: office@fpcdavenport.org

Basic expectations: a valid driver's license, no major driving violations, and personal auto insurance as the church is not responsible for accidents. Thank you for helping our church be the hands and feet of Christ—one ride at a time!

The FPC Caring Closet - Updated Requests

Caring Closet Request:

- Our shoppers at the FPC Caring Closet are **in need of winter items** especially jackets and coats. We appreciate all that you do for our neighbors!
- Hygiene products such as diapers, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, and feminine pads. The Dollar Tree provides a great variety. We also need towels and sheets of all sizes. Thank you for your continued support!

The Caring Closet Now Open on Saturday: Join our team of dedicated volunteers at the Caring Closet. We need volunteers to commit to one Saturday morning a month to work in our "store" from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you can volunteer, please contact the church office or text or call Ruth Ann at 563-370-6215.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Trunk-or-Treat

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat family community event will be taking place on **Saturday, October 25** from **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**. Set-up will begin at 2:15 PM in the Iowa Street Parking Lot. Church members are encouraged to decorate the trunks of their vehicles and come out for some fun and fellowship as well as outreach to our surrounding community.

Trunk-or-Treat will participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project by offering non-candy options for families of children with food allergies or restriction.

If church members would like to participate by decorating a trunk or you would like to donate candy or non-candy items for this fun community event, speak with Marty or Abby: cefy@fpcdavenport.org

Craft Supplies Needed!

CEFY is in need of long cardboard tubes (paper towel, wrapping paper, etc.) for the next Manna and More. Drop off the tubes in the back of the sanctuary (there is a specified container) or bring them to the church office during the week.

Youth Ministry - Sponsor a Dinner

All FPC youth (and friends) in 6th - 12th grades are invited to join us for Youth Group. We will meet most Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served.

The Youth Group is looking for families or individuals to **sponsor** a dinner(s) for us on Sunday nights at 5pm. If you would like to donate money (suggested donation: \$50) for our Youth Group to buy pizza or would be willing to provide a meal (for approximately 15-20 youth and mentors) please reach out to Abby Schondelmeyer.



Donations? https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=1965301

Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: cefy@fpcdavenport.org.

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

Lyyra

The 2025-2026 PAS Season kicks off on **Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 PM** with a concert by internationally acclaimed vocal group Lyyra. Tickets are **\$15/adults, \$10/students**.

Lyyra is a new all-women vocal ensemble based in the USA from The VOCES8 Foundation. Creating world-class musical experiences to inspire audiences, Lyyra seeks to redefine the genre of upper-voice music in the choral landscape, highlighting the astonishing capabilities within the full spectrum of women's singing. The sound of this bright, young group combines velvety richness alongside star-like brilliance. With a broad texture and exhilarating range of sound, the group's talented members specialize in classical, jazz, pop, and folk music from diverse traditions and backgrounds.

Justice Choir of the Midwest Concert

The Justice Choir of the Midwest is a community choir of people from across eastern Iowa and western Illinois with a goal to engage in the collaborative and collective power of singing about justice and using their voices to bring about change. JCM's fall concert is on the theme of **LGBTQ+ Justice** and will include music of remembrance to victims of hate crimes, songs of protest for equal rights for LGBTQ+ people, and songs of celebration of queer joy. The concert is **Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 PM** at First Pres and will be a benefit concert to support the incredible work Clock, Inc. does in the Quad Cities.

For more information about supporting the work this ensemble is doing, talk to Matt Bishop.

FINANCE

	August 2025		August 2024	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 25,661	\$ 41,405	\$ 44,837	\$ 42,884
Custodial Accounts Income	2,329	-	3,230	-
Compensation Expenses	(49,937)	(51,846)	(48,403)	(51,671)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(20,775)	(21,474)	(18,938)	(22,650)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(2,329)	-	(3,230)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)	(\$22,504)	(\$31,437)
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)	(\$22,504)	(\$31,437)
	2025 Year-To-Date		2024 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 512,383	\$ 486,780	\$ 408,343	\$ 434,854
Custodial Accounts Income	33,836	-	52,640	-
Compensation Expenses	(409,991)	(421,199)	(413,887)	(427,931)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(154,002)	(185,876)	(149,243)	(180,867)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(33,836)	-	(52,640)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$51,610)	(\$120,295)	(\$154,787)	(\$173,944)
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	(2,396)	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$54,006)	(\$120,295)	(\$154,787)	(\$173,944)

All numbers are rounded.

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Co-Clerks of Session</i>
Dan Breinich	Dianna Darland	Dan Darland	Julia Meyer
Nancy Chapman	Denny Jorgenson	David Edwards	Mark Jones
Bonnie Johnson	Kathy Knox	Craig Foster	
Nathan Kabel	Cathy Pratscher-Woods	Paula Hartmann	
Zoe McCullum	Jed Steckel	Sharon Simmonds	
Julia Meyer		Jay Williams	
Kristine Oswald		Erin Yingling	
Mark Ruebling			
Vicki Stegall			

Deacons

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
Colleen Dueñas (<i>Vice Moderator</i>)	Andy Bowles Edwards	Elizabeth Breinich
Terri Sheetz (<i>Moderator</i>)	Lois Boyer	Andrew Darland
Doug Wells	Connie Connolly	Steve Earp
	John Gere	Sue Ervin
	Al Frohlich	Heidi Pedersen
	Bob Lehnher	Mason Pedersen
	Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams
	Sarah Soenksen	
	Katrina Williams	